

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takahito TANIBUCHI et al.

Serial No: 10/599,547

Confirmation No. 1566

Filed: September 29, 2006

For: Surface Coated Member an Cutting Tool

Art Unit: 1794

Examiner: Katz, Vera

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 10, 2009, applicant elects, without traverse, for prosecution, Group II, Claims 16-21, and 24.

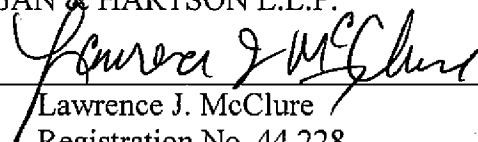
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Respectfully submitted,

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